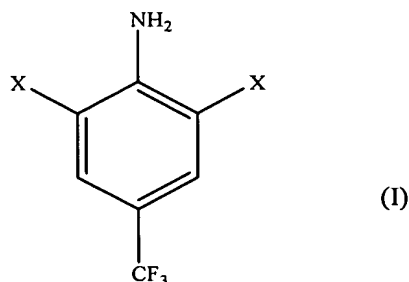


Amendments to the Claims:

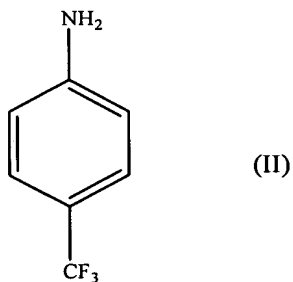
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Process for the preparation of a compound of general formula (I):



in which X represents a halogen atom,
by reaction of para-trifluoromethylaniline of formula (II):



with a dihalogen X_2 ,
the two compounds being introduced simultaneously into a polar aprotic solvent in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 1.9 to 2.5 and at a temperature ranging from 100 to 300°C.

2. (Original) Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that the compound of formula (I) is 2,6-dichloro-para-trifluoromethylaniline.

3. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterised in that~~ the solvent used is a chlorinated aliphatic solvent.

4. (Original) Process according to Claim 3, characterised in that the solvent used is dichloroethane.

5. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterised in that~~ the solvent used is a chlorinated aromatic solvent.

6. (Original) Process according to Claim 5, characterised in that the solvent used is monochlorobenzene.

7. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein, ~~any one of Claims 1-6, characterised in that~~ the reactants are introduced in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 2 to 2.05.

8. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised in that~~ the temperature of the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from 100 to 130°C.

9. (Original) Process according to Claim 8, characterised in that the temperature of the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from 105 to 115°C.

10. (Original) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the reactants are introduced into monochlorobenzene in a dichlorine/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 1.85 to 2.05, at a temperature ranging from 105 to 115°C.

11. (New) Process according to Claim 2, wherein the solvent used is a chlorinated aliphatic solvent.

12. (New) Process according to Claim 2, wherein the solvent used is a chlorinated aromatic solvent.